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### **Public Comment Sought on Report About Stream Impairments in Muddy Creek Watershed** *Comment period ends Dec.15*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 15, 2012)** – The Energy and Environment Cabinet is seeking public comment until Dec. 15, 2012, on a draft report addressing bacteria impairments in seven stream segments within the Muddy Creek watershed, located in the Kentucky River Basin in Madison County.

The Clean Water Act requires each state to periodically identify specific waters where designated uses are not being met and water quality impairments exist. The state is also required to prioritize the list of impaired waters, calculate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of pollutants for those waters and devise plans to improve the water quality.

The report, Total Maximum Daily Load for E. coli, Seven Stream Segments within the Muddy Creek Watershed, prepared by the Kentucky Division of Water, addresses bacteria impairments in the Muddy Creek watershed at levels that no longer support the swimming designated use. The report includes data and procedures used to calculate the TMDL for the stream segments. The Division of Water is also asking for comments on new bacteria impairments found within the Muddy Creek watershed during TMDL development.

Revisions to the report may be made following the public comment period and before it is sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

The report may be viewed online at <http://water.ky.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>. For print copies, contact Scarlett Stapleton at the Division of Water, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601 or by telephone at 502-564-3410. Comments should be provided by Dec. 15 and may be made in writing or by email to [Scarlett.Stapleton@ky.gov](mailto:Scarlett.Stapleton@ky.gov).

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